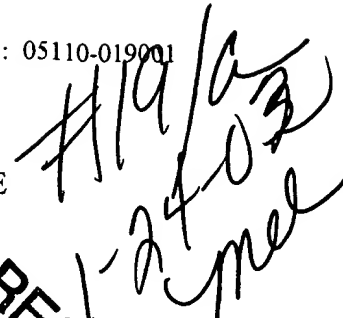

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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed April 9, 2002, kindly amend the application as follows:

In the title:

Change the title to read: --Notification Protocol for Establishing Synchronization Mode for Use in Synchronizing Databases--

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

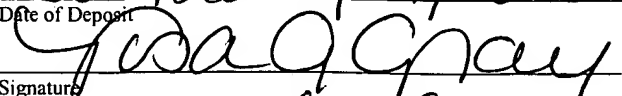
1. A method for synchronizing a first database residing on a first computer with a second database residing on a second computer, wherein there are a plurality of synchronization modes specifying the procedure to be used for synchronizing the first and second databases, the method comprising:

the first computer making a choice of a proposed synchronization mode from among the plurality of synchronization modes, and transmitting to the second computer a notification of the proposed synchronization mode and at least one operation operative on a record stored in the second database; and

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